

**Interagency Wildfire Management Team
Meeting Notes
April 7, 2004**

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos County Fire Department), Doug MacDonald, and Manny L'Esperance (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) attended the Santa Fe Wildland Operations Exercise at the Southwest Fire Use Academy in Albuquerque. Also, guidance in DOE Order 450.1 has been cited to request the development of a wildland fire management program for the Emergency Operations Center at LANL. This program would address gaps in wildland fire resource planning and response.

Bill Armstrong (Santa Fe National Forest) is supervising the thinning in the canyons adjacent to Los Alamos. Thinning will also be conducted in selected areas that are adjacent to the Los Alamos townsite. Bill will conduct a tour of the thinning areas in Pueblo and Bayo Canyon on April 21 at 1:30. For more information contact Sam Loftin at 665-8011.

Sam Loftin (Ecology Group) announced that the LANL Quarterly Self Assessment has been submitted to DOE. The assessment discusses the transition from Cerro Grande Rehabilitation Project to the institutional fire hazard reduction.

Manny L'Esperance (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) reported that dip tanks are being installed at locations in the center of LANL. Manny also noted that fire hazards are currently low.

Susan DiMauro (Davey Resources Group) distributed an interactive CD containing a planning guide for community developments of defensible space. Also, the Los Alamos County Defensible Space Day, will be held at Ashley Pond and at the Los Alamos Community Center on April 14. For further information, contact Susan at 505-681-2358.

Randy Balice (Ecology Group, LANL) and Sam Loftin are contributing to the wildfire accident investigation for the LANL Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement Supplement Analysis.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 21, at TA-21, Building 210 in the RRES-ECO Conference Room (142). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (balice@lanl.gov, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.